GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MEDI - CLAIM POLICY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Governmentservants and Below Poverty Line (BPL) patients from Andaman and Nicobar Islandsseparately referred by the Health Department to mainland for treatment inspecialized hospitals during each of the lastthree years and the current year;

(b) the details of expenditure incurredthereon separately during the above said period;

(c) whether the Government proposesto introduce medi-claim policy scheme forthe Andaman and Nicobar islands;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the timeby which it is likely to be introduced; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) &(b): As informed by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, the details of the number of government servants and Below Poverty Line (BPL) patients referred to mainland are given below:

Year	Number of Government servants	Number of Patients Below Poverty Line (BPL)
2012	624	30
2013	623	32
2014 (up to 22.7.2014)	329	33

The details of expenditure incurred on BPL patients are given below:

Year	Number of Patients Below Poverty Line (BPL)	Expenditure incurred
2012	25	26,66,129
2013	26	27,27,592
2014	13	15,13,485

Expenditure bills in respect of 5 patients during 2012, 06 patients during 2013 and 20 patients during 2014 have not been submitted by the Medical Institute concerned. Expenditure in respect of Government servant, who are referred to mainland are met by the Department concerned, where the Government servant is employed.

(c) to (e): Yes. The proposed scheme envisages cashless treatment of referred patients in the recognized/listed hospitals in the mainland and their travel expenses. Beneficiaries to be enrolled by the Insurance company subject to eligibility, include:

(i) Below Poverty Line (BPL)/Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) card holders
(ii) Pensioners/retired employees of Andaman & Nicobar Administration.
(iii) Permanent residents of A&N Islands with income uptoRs. 3.00 lakhs per annum.
In order to examine all issues pertaining to introduction of Health Insurance Scheme in the islands, the Administration has constituted a committee with the condition to submit its report within one month.